Interest-Based Outreach

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Why?

- Need to form relationships/coalitions with organizations interested in DoD facilities
- Many do not understand DoD mission/needs
- DoD often does not understand issues from stakeholder community
- Need to find ways to promote positive dialogue

Do a Range Tour!

- Provides **context** for future discussion
- Shows the needs for training and the integration of environmental concerns
- Builds relationships
- Gives range/installation idea of issues outside the fence
- Promotes future ideas for working together

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24-26 FEB 2004

Navy Region Southwest

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

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Nine participating NGOs:

- **Endangered Species Coalition**
- **Defenders of Wildlife**
- **National Environmental Trust**
- **Center for Public Environmental Oversight**
- **National Audubon Society**
- **National Wildlife Federation**
- **Natural Resources Defense Council**
- **The Nature Conservancy**
- **The Center for Natural Lands Management**

Total representatives = 11

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Hosts:

- **Commander Navy Region Southwest**
- **Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton**

Other participating commands, staff, other agencies:

- **US Fish & Wildlife Service – HQ/DoD Liaison**
- **HQ Dept. of Army**
- **OPNAV N45**
- **Commander Fleet Forces Command**
- **USAF Region 9 REC**

Sponsor:

- **OSD Range Sustainment IPT**

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Day 1

- **San Diego Bay**
- **ESA encroachment at NAB Coronado**
- **Remediation and energy at NAS North Island**

Authorized Beach
Crossing Lane
Endangered and threatened bird species nest on these beaches from 15 Mar. to 15 Sept. each year. During this time personnel are to transit across the beach between marked signs only.

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Day 2

- **San Clemente Island**
- **Live fire shore bombardment**
- **Shrike recovery & other N.R. programs**
- **Navy tour debrief session**

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Day 3

- **Camp Pendleton**
- **Red Beach**
- **Natural resource programs**

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“I drove one of these 400 miles to Baghdad. But here at Per
we don’t drive our Amtracks as much as we’d like and it seer
every time we go anywhere there’s a hole with some snowy
or some other endangered critter in it.”

- SGT Joshua A. Griggs USMC
Assault Amphibian School Battalion
MCB Camp Pendleton

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NGO feedback

"I was extremely impressed by the Navy's level of interest, concern, and knowledge about the wildlife in their charge"

"Good to see how professional staff interact with wildlife and environmental issues in reality and not just Hill horror stories"

"Great to see real world training"

"Environmental community and DoD need to work together on buffers and sprawl issues"

"We built up personal trust and relationships that could sustain meaningful dialogue on hard issues"

"Let's forget the past few years and work together towards the future"

"I would love to see an Army and Air Force installation and to see more of the military's wildlife success stories"

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Lessons Identified or Reinforced

1. Indoor briefings must be short – get out and see the ground truth
2. Read aheads, e.g., INRMPs, should be provided before travel begins
3. Most time should be spent in the field and talking with staff
4. Staff should be allowed to engage in discussion w/o approval/presence of management
5. Leadership must participate and stay engaged throughout
6. It takes a minimum of two days to build a relationship
7. A minimum two-hour discussion session should wrap up the tour
8. Plan the itinerary well and have good logistics support

Outcomes to Date

- NGO community using Navy as example of how to handle ships returning to port
- NGO community sponsoring letter to Congress to ask for more funding for Fish & Wildlife to look at INRMPs and for additional funds for buffering
- Marine Corps and NGOs working on Invasive Species Project as partners